

## **Media Advisory from the National League of Cities**

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### **Gang Prevention Network: San Jose Meeting to Highlight Progress**

Washington, DC – With gang violence a continuing concern, leaders from 13 California cities will meet in San Jose, Calif., June 21-22, to share information and new strategies as part of the California Cities Gang Prevention Network.

Members of the media are invited to attend a **press conference at 10 a.m., June 21**, prior to the start of the two-day meeting to discuss progress made since the inaugural meeting of the Network, held in January 2007 in Oakland.

The Network brings together teams of city and law enforcement officials, school administrators, and community partners to share resources and develop workable and sustainable solutions to the problem of gang violence. **Participating cities include Fresno, Los Angeles (San Fernando Valley), Oakland, Oxnard, Richmond, Sacramento, Salinas, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Santa Rosa, and Stockton.**

**WHAT:** Gang Prevention Network Press Conference

**WHEN:** 10:00 a.m. PT, June 21, 2007

**WHO:**

- San Jose, Calif., Mayor Chuck Reed
- Salinas, Calif., Mayor Dennis Donohue
- Pastor Tony Ortiz, California Youth Outreach
- Marie Louise Gonzalez, Ujirani Family Resource Center, and former gang member
- NLC Institute for Youth, Education, and Families Director Clifford M. Johnson

Additional representatives from participating cities, funding and support organizations, and community leaders will also be available for comment.

**WHERE:** Washington United Youth Center  
921 S First St.  
San Jose, CA 95110

Media are not required to pre-register for this press conference, but media credentials must be shown for admittance.

The National League of Cities (NLC) and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) are sponsoring the three-year project, with additional support for the meeting from the City of San Jose.

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